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SUBJECT: YEMEN FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON CURRENT ISSUES

1. YEMEN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLA ASNAJ WAS IN KHARTOUM
JUNE 2-3 IN CONNECTION WITH FIRST MEETING YEMEN-SUDAN
HIGHER MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE. MEETING WHICH HAD GENESIS
AT TAIZ SUMMIT REVIEWED BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SUDAN
FONMIN MANSOUR KHALED DESCRIBED IT AS CONTINUATION
OF THE EFFORTS BEGUN AT TAIZ AT A BILATERAL LEVEL.
KHALED MENTIONED THAT TECHNICAL COMMITTEES WILL
CONTINUE WORK ON SEVERAL SPECIFIC SUBJECTS, INCLUDING
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CULTURE AND
INFORMATION, JURISDICTION, AND CONSULTATIONS ON
COMMON PROBLEMS.

2. WHILE IN KHARTOUM, ASNAJ GRANTED INTERVIEW TO
SUNA IN WHICH HE COMMENTED ON SEVERAL REGIONAL ISSUES.
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ON ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA, HE EXPRESSED YEMEN'S HOPE THAT
STABLE POLITICAL SITUATION MIGHT PREVAIL IN ETHIOPIA,
BUT HE PRAISED SUDAN'S "CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE" IN SOLVING
ERITREAN QUESTION. ASNAJ EXPRESSED HOPE ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT WILL REVIEW ITS DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH
ITS NEIGHBORS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ERITREAN QUESTION,
HE SAID YEMEN SUPPORTS ALL STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF WORLD TO

ATTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE, AND ADDED THAT HIS COUNTRY SUPPORTS RECONCILIATION PROPOSALS SUGGESTED BY SUDAN TO SOLVE ERITREAN PROBLEM.

3. ON DJIBOUTI, HE EXPRESSED YEMENI SUPPORT FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SAID DJIBOUTI SHOULD BE AIDED FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY BY ARAB COUNTRIES. HE NOTED SOMALIA HAD REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND EXPRESSED HOPE ETHIOPIA WOULD ALSO FOLLOW SUIT BY NON-INTERFERENCE IN DJIBOUTI'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

4. ASNAJ WAS ASKED ABOUT EFFORTS TO UNITE BOTH YEMENS AND HE SAID UNITY WOULD BE DECIDED BY YEMENI PEOPLE. HE ADDED THAT ALL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO YEMENI REPUBLICS HAD NOW BEEN SETTLED AND THIS GAVE HOPE FOR GREATER OPTIMISM WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE ASNAJ'S GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SUDANESE POSITIONS, HE SEEMED TO STOP SHORT OF GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO ERITREANS; HOWEVER HIS REMARKS ON REGIONAL ISSUES WERE DIRECTED AT URGING THE ETHIOPIANS TO ADOPT MORE MODERATE STANCES ON SUCH ISSUES AS ERITREA AND DJIBOUTI.
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